

Q&A: Premera Conversion Request



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What happens next?

The decision is final. However, the parties have 30 days from the day of the decision to file an appeal. They also have 10 days from the day of the decision to ask Commissioner Kreidler to reconsider his decision.

So, how does the appeal work?

If Premera or the third-party interveners appeal, they must file within 30 days of the final decision.

Where does the appeal go?

Thurston County Superior Court.

Would there be a trial?

No. The Superior Court would render a decision based on the existing record.

What effect does the Commissioner's decision have on the Alaska request?

None. That request is separate and apart from the Washington process.

Did the Attorney General participate in the decision?

The anti-trust division of the Attorney General's Office provided consultation to the OIC staff. However, the AG's formal role in the conversion process was to rule on the dissolution of the non-profit company and the transfer of assets. Since the conversion request was turned down, there won't be a dissolution or transfer of assets.

Why is the Commissioner limited in what he can say about his decision?

The decision is subject to appeal for 30 days and the Commissioner is still acting as judge in this matter. Accordingly, his comments will be limited to the decision itself.

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